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Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Thurſday, MARCH 2, to Thurſday, MARCH 9, 1738.

Mr. *Timothy*,

I Was in hopes that the Complaint of bad Pay and Loſs on Returns made for 2 Years paſt by the Gentlemen of *London* and *Briſtol*, who are concerned in the Negro Trade to this Province, would have prevented ſo great an Importation for ſome Years to come, and the early Advices of our Crops being loſt this Year, I alſo imagined would have induced thoſe Gentlemen to have ſent Orders to the *Weſt Indies* for the Maſters addreſſed for this Province with ſuch Slaves, not to proceed. But the Arrival of Capt. *Power* with above 300 Slaves, and by him Advice that ſeveral others may be expected, makes me imagine, that either the former Complaints were groundleſs, or, that there muſt be an extravagant Profit on that Trade in this Province, by ſelling the Negroes at a much greater Price here than in any other Part of *America*. The laſt Reaſon ſeems to be the likelieſt, for I have known many Slaves bought in *Barbadoes*, &c and ſent here for Sale, which have been ſold with good Profit.

I cannot avoid obſerving on this Occaſion, that altho' a few Negroes annually imported into this Province might be of Advantage to moſt People; yet ſuch large Importations of 2600 or 2820 Negroes every Year is not only a Loſs to many, but in the End may prove the Ruin of the Province, as it moſt certainly does that of many poor induſtrious Planters, who unwarily engage in buying more than they have Occaſion for, or are able to pay. It is for their Sakes only, I now take the Trouble of writing this, that they may not further involve themſelves in utter Ruin.

Negroes may be ſaid to be the Bait proper for catching a *Carolina* Planter, as certain as Beef to catch a Shark. How many under the Notion of 18 Months Credit, have been tempted to buy more Negroes than they could poſſibly expect to pay in 3 Years! This is ſo notorious, that few Inhabitants I believe will doubt it. I have heard many declare their own Folly in this Particular, with a Reſolution never to do ſo again: Yet ſo great is the Infatuation, that the many Examples of their Neighbours Misfortunes and Danger by ſuch Purchaſes do not hinder new Fools from bringing themſelves into the ſame Difficulty.

Until about the Year 1732, the common Method of ſelling Negroes in this Province was, to be paid in Rice, whereby the Sellers knew to make above 10 *per Cent per Annum* Profit, by a Forbearance of Payment under the Title of commuting their Bonds. The Rice was valued at about 37 s. 6 d *per* C. and the Casks given for nothing: The Factors here were in general under no other Contract with their Employers at Home, than to remit the Rice when they had receiv'd it from the Planter. But now the Caſe is alter'd, the Sales and Contracts being now upon a new and quite different Footing, which I believe will in the End prove not only worſe for the Merchants at Home, but alſo for the Factor Seller, and Planter Buyer here.

If I am rightly inform'd, the Negroes that are now ſold in this Province are ſent upon thoſe Terms, viz. The Factors here to make good all bad Debts, to remit 2 thirds of the Value in 12 Months, the other one third in 2 Years after the Day of Sale. Now as they give Security in *Great Britain* to perform their Contracts, and as their further Buſineſs depends upon the doing thereof, it is no ſurprize to find them now more exact in requiring their Payments when it becomes due than they did 6 Years ago; and as our Currency is every Year decreaſing in Value, ſo all others who have Remittances to make to *Great Britain* in Money, will be the more urgent to have their Payments.

It's ſo common for many Planters to buy Negroes and dry Goods for more Value than they can poſſibly expect to be able to pay for when due, that it may be called a general Diſtemper, which of late has very much encreaſed, by the two laſt bad Crops. In caſe of failure of Payment they think they make full Satisfaction by giving Bond payable next Year, bearing 10 *per Cent.* Intereſt. This is ſufficient, I muſt own, to thoſe who lend Money at Intereſt, or who are only concern'd in our In-land Trade; But will not anſwer to thoſe who muſt turn the Currency into Sterling For, ſuppoſe, I had had a Man's Bond for 700 l. two Years ago, that Money then would have purchaſed 100 l. Sterling, whereas I muſt now give 770 l. for 100 l Sterling Now if the Debtor pays me with 10 *per Cent.* Intereſt, it is 840, ſo that altho' he pays me at the Rate of 10 *per Cent. per Annum*, yet I really receive but 5 *per Cent.* For the 840 l. he pays me, will only purchaſe 110 l. Sterling, which is but 10 l. upon the 100 l. for two Years. It's worſe in Rice, for two Years ago 700 l. would have bought 65 or 70 Barrels of Rice, and now it won't buy above 40 Barrels, as Rice was then 40 s. and is now 71 s.

Thoſe Reaſons may be ſufficient to excuſe any trading Man for inſiſting upon punctual Payment, and alſo to warn thoſe in Debt not to depend ſo much upon the Lenity of the Merchants in Town, beſides as there is not one in 50 of thoſe who ſell Rice that will give 10 Days Credit, how can they expect the Buyers ſhould be put off with the Notion of paying Intereſt? Which it's well known will buy nothing at any Market, and Merchants can't ſupport their Credit, or carry on Trade, without buying Produce.

My whole Deſign of this is only to warn the unthinking Part of our Planters againſt falling into the ſame Misfortunes next Year they have met with in this *viz.* being unable to pay their Debts. The common Excuſe is the Loſs of Crop: But let many of thoſe in Debts look into their Affairs, and they will find a good Crop of Rice even ſuppos'd at 60 s. *per* C. not ſufficient to pay all their Debts, nor will a good Crop next Year pay half the Debts now due to the trading Men in Town; and in Caſe a general good Crop ſhould be made, (depend upon it) Rice will be under 40 s. *per* C.

If I may be ſo bold as to give my Advice in the Affair of Negroes, it would be this, that before any Planter offer to buy one more, or even to venture into a Negro Yard, he ſhould firſt make up an Account of all he owes now in every Perſon, and then make a Calculation of what he may reaſonably expect to make this Year. The moſt certain

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Way to know this is, to ſum up the Amounts of his laſt 4 Years Produce of the ſame Number of Hands, a fourth Part of which he may expect to have this Year: For a wild Expectation of 10 Barrels per Negro only brings a Diſappointment to the Owner, and in Time may prove his Ruin. Suppoſe a Man has 20 Negroes, and for theſe 4 Years paſt has made in all 240 Barrels of Rice, he may expect to have 60 Barrels next Year, which at a Medium of Price will be about 700 l. Currency, now if that Perſon finds that he is in Debt 1000 l. or only 700 l how can he engage for any further Payments next Year, without expoſing himſelf at the Mercy of his Creditors? But if the ſame Man finds he owes only 100 l he may ſafely buy 2 Negroes, and have a common Chance to pay them beſides his annual Charges. Would People take this prudent Method to think before they buy Negroes, it would in the End prove better for them. If they complain of the Merchants being preſſing for Payments this Year, depend on it they will be worſe next. Beſides this Caution of thoſe who are in Debt would make fewer Buyers and of Courſe cheaper Negroes, ſo that in Time they might be had here as cheap as in other Parts of *America*. But if any Perſon who can't pay his Debts now, encreaſes them by buying more Negroes, how can he deſire any Perſon to have Patience 'till next Year? If his Slaves are then ſeized for Debt, who is to Blame? Is it not his own Act and Deed? Could he not have lived without theſe new Negroes? Buying the needful Apparel, Meat or Drink pleads for itſelf, as Mankind can't live without ſome Neceſſaries. Can any Man be certain of a better Crop next Year than he had laſt? If they an't, they ſhould not increaſe their Debts beyond abſolute Neceſſity.

Were it poſſible to prevent any Negroes to be imported for 3 Years to come, I am perſwaded it would be for the general Advantage of all the Inhabitants in this Province, and the only Means to relieve us from the Load of Debts we are now owing to *Great Britain*, which I believe is equal to the Amount of 3 Years Produce. I am, *&c.*

Cuſtom-Houſe, **Charleſtown**,

Entred inwards,

Ship Shepherd, Maurice Power from Angola.
—— Tryton, Rich: Walker from Boſton.
—— Heylyn, Alex: Dick from Oporto.
Sloop Shearwater, John Hopkins from Rhode-Iſland.

Entred out,

Ship Renelow, Rich: Rendell for Topſham.
—— Jolliff's Adventure, Aaron Bayley for Poole.
Sloop Mary, Stephen Hicks for N-York.

Clear'd for Departure,

Ship Peter & James, Geo: Dymond to Hull.
Billander King George, Jacob Ayres to London.
Sloop Mary, Steph. Hicks to N-York.

EXPORTED from this PLACE ſince *Nov.* 1, 1737.

Rice 18206 Barrels. Pitch 5070. Tarr 2986. Turpentine 589. Whereof 1686 Barrels of Rice to the Southward of *Cape Finiſterre*.

PRICES of the following GOODS.

Rice 3 l. 11 s. 3 d.	Flour *per C.* 5 l.
Pitch *per* Bar. 45 *s.*	Milkbread 12 l.
Tar per Bar. 32 s. 6 d.	Shipbread 5 l.
Turpentine 7 *s.* 6 d.	Middling bread 6 l. 10 s.
Corn per B. 25 *s.*	White 9 l.

THERE is wanting for the Publick, a Parcel of able, ſtrong Pack horſes, any Perſon who has any ſuch to diſpoſe of, may apply to *Peter Taylor.*

TO BE SOLD on Wedneſday the 15th Inſtant, by *Joſeph Wragg* and Company, a choice Parcel of Slaves, imported in the Ship *Shepherd*, *Maurice Power* Commander from *Angola*.

NB. Great Encouragement will be given for preſent Pay, in Rice or Caſh.

THE Subſcriber *William Trewin* for ſome Reaſons will be obliged to put off the Sale of Slaves by him advertis'd, until Thurſday the 30th Inſtant, at which Time will be expoſed to Sale more Slaves than at firſt was intended, and will conſiſt of Tradeſmen, Sawyers, Houſe-Wenches, and other ſenſible Slaves. The Sale to be at the Plantation late of Landgrave *Daniel*, but now in the Poſſeſſion of the Subſcriber *Wm. Trewin.*

TO BE SOLD a Lott (Number 177) 100 Feet in Front, 200 and odd Feet deep, fronting to the Weſt on *New* ſtreet. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſame, may treat with *Sarah Blakeway*, who has a good Cooper to hire.

THE Houſe where Mr. *James St. John* now lives in, will be let in ſeveral Apartments, or otherwiſe from the firſt Day of *May* 1738, for one, two or three Years. There are likewiſe two good Kitchens with Ovens, and a Room up Stairs over each Kitchen. There is alſo belonging to the ſaid Apartments a good Stable and a Foal Houſe with Gardens. There are very good Chimneys in every Room in the Houſe, and a very large Cellar divided.

TO BE SOLD a Plantation within a Mile of *Dorcheſter*, containing 50 Acres of very good Land, with a good Dwelling-houſe on it near the River; where is good Clay and other Conveniencies for making Bricks, alſo two ſmall Lotts in *Dorcheſter*, and ſome ſmall pieces of Land near it: Any one inclinable to buy any or all ſaid Land, may treat with *Thos Way ſen.* in *Charleſtown*, or *Th. Way jun* near ſaid Plantation.

IMPORTED *per* Capt. *Ayres*, and to be ſold by *Wm. Buttler* at Mr *Eveleigh's* Store, a parcel of fine and ſuper fine brown Holland. A conſiderable Allowance will be made to any Perſon that will buy the whole Parcel or ſeveral Pieces together.

To be ſold in Parcels or Intire for ready Money or Credit, on good Security as ſhall be agreed, Mr. Donning's *lower Plantation on* Aſhley-*River, lately in the Poſſeſſion of* George Nicholas *Eſq; but now re-delivered to the Subſcriber hereof, which Plantation contains* 1238 *Acres of Land, has a good new Dwelling houſe and other Conveniencies built upon it, and is very commodiouſly and pleaſantly ſituated on the ſaid River, the Premiſſes may be view'd at any Time, by ſuch Perſons as have a mind to Purchaſe* Wm. Donning.

Alſo to be ſold a Lott of Land, adjoining to the Scotch Meeting.

To be ſold by Ch: Starnes, *a choice Tract of Land, containing* 550 *Acres, and a Town Lott in the Townſhip of* Williamsburg, *pleaſantly ſcituated on* Black-*River*, 3 *Miles off the King's tree about* 150 *Acres of good River Swamp, and* 100 *In land Swamp, which may be overflow'd by raiſing a Dam acroſs a Gulley about a Chain over, which runs out between* 2 *Bluffs into the River, the Remainder is good Oak and Hickry Land, about* 50 *Acres of good Pine Land. Whoever has a mind to purchaſe, may treat with ſaid* Starnes *for ready Money, a Year's Credit, or for Negroes out of the next* Guiney *Ship, or for Land in or near Town, Quit Rents free for 9 Years yet to come.*

A ſmall Ship-boat commonly called a *Moſes* with a ſlight half Deck, a piece of Wood ſtanding up at her Head near a Foot above the Stem, was hired by two Sailors (one belonging to the *Reſt*) under a Pretence of going to *Dorcheſter*, who I have Reaſon to ſuſpect have run away with her to *Georgia* or *Winyaw*. Whoever brings ſaid Boat to the Subſcriber, ſhall have 5 l. Currency reward. *Joſiah Smith.*

TO BE SOLD by *Thos. Blondell* in the Houſe where Mr. *Fillieu* formerly lived, in *Elliot*-ſtreet, very good cheeſe, coffee, chocolate, Engliſh ginger bread, rum, molaſſes, pickel'd cod fiſh & mackrells, biſket, vinegar, ginger, hops, malt, candles, corks, cotton lines, milk pans, butter pots, and other wares, tabacco pipes, pocket books, black trimmings, ruſhia linnen, leather breeches great coats, negro cloth, blankets and ruggs, and ſundry other Goods.

Imported in the *Baltick Merchant*, and to be ſold by *Watſons* and *McKenzie*, black & ſcarlet cloths, paduſoys, bombazeens, and all other faſhionable Mournings, variety of linnens, beer, cyder in barrels and bottles, loaf ſugar, ſallad oyl, butter, bullets, ſhott, gun powder, with many other European Goods.

NB. They requeſt all who are indebted to them for Goods bought before the firſt of *May* laſt, would be ſo kind without Delay to diſcharge what they owe, whether by Bond, Note or Book Debt. And as *John Watſon* intends for *England* on that Account, he muſt leave all Debts undiſcharg'd due to him particularly under the Management of *Maurice Lewis* Eſq.

Just imported in the *Jolliff's Adventure*, and to be sold by *William Jolliff*, at the House where Messrs *Jenys* & *Baker* lately kept store on the Bay, choice *Dorsetshire* Beer in Bottles, Candles, Corks, Cordage, Casks of Bottles, Boxes of Pipes, 3 fourth 7 eighth and yard wide Garlix, strip'd and chequer'd Linnen, strong Dowlas, sheeting and shirting Linnens, black Velvet and sundry other European Goods very cheap

ALL Persons indebted to *Andrew Devaux* for meat bought of *John Devaux* his Son in the Market, are desired to pay to no Body but to the said *Andrew Devaux*, or to such Persons empowered by him to receive the same, otherwise their Payment will not be valid after this publick Notice, and they will be sued for the same. And any Person giving Credit to the said *John Devaux*, may do it at his Peril, for I will pay no Debts contracted by him. *Andr. Devaux.*

ALL PERSONS indebted to the Estate of *John Rigg* deceased, and to *Alexander Rigg*, are hereby desired to pay the same by the 20th of *April* next, unto the said *Alex. Rigg*, he intending soon to go off the Province, wherefore will sell what Goods he has remaining very reasonable either for ready Money or Credit.

To be lett the Store now in the Possession of the said *Rigg*, enquire of *Jacob Motte.*

TO BE SOLD a Plantation containing 500 Acres of very good Land for Corn, and choice Swamp for Rice, extreamly well scituated, fronting the West side of *Black* River, and the back near the Mouth of *Green's* Creek, 6 Miles from *George-Town*, so that a few Pannels may fence in the whole, with a good Dwelling-house thereon, 48 by 17, with double brick Chimneys, Out houses, Orchard, Pasturage, and Corn Fields clear'd and fenc'd in, likewise to be sold the Stock thereon Any Person inclinable to purchase the same, may treat with Mr *Yeomans* Merchant in *Charlestown*, or with Mr. *Hinckley* living on the said Plantation.

A House and Lott scituate in *Tradd*-street, between Mr. *Collis's* and Mr. *Kerr's*, to be sold. Enquire of the Printer hereof.

Any Person that is willing to sell a small Tract of 150 or 200 Acres of good Land, either on *Combahee* or *Pon-Pon* River, may hear of a Buyer by the Printer hereof.

To be Sold two Tracts of Land, on little *Peedee* River, *viz.* one containing 1000 Acres, butting and bounding to the North on Lands of Capt. *Thos Walker*, to the East on little *Peedee* River, to the South on Lands of Mrs. *Elizabeth Bremar*, and to the West on Lands not yet laid out. The other containing 1100 Acres, butting and bounding to the North on Lands of Mrs. *Elizabeth Bremar*, to the East on little *Peedee* River, to the South on Lands of *Gabriel Manigault* Esq; and to the West on Lands not yet laid out. Any Person inclinable to purchase one or both the said Tracts, may agree with the aforesaid *Elizabeth Bremar* in St. *Thomas's* Parish, or Mr. *John Laurens* in *Charlestown.*

TO BE SOLD a choice Tract of Land, containing 500 Acres, situate on the West side of *Port-Royal* River, and joining to Land of Mr. *Dawlis* very good for Rice and well stock'd with Timber. Any Person inclinable to purchase the same, may agree with *William Bower* on *Edisto* Island.

TO BE SOLD Part of a Lott in *Charlestown*, scituate in *Queen street*, being 25 Feet front and 160 Feet deep, it joins to Mr. *Jordan Roche's* Lott. Whoever has a mind to purchase, may treat with Mr. *Tho: Weaver.*

AN Overseer that can be well recommended, is wanted. Enquire of *Frederick Grimke* at his Plantation near Mr. *Thomas Elliot's*, or at his Store.

All Persons indebted to the Estate of *Wm. Leander* late of *Charlestown* deceased, are desired to pay their respective Debts or settle them, and to give their Notes or Bonds with such Security as the Subscriber shall judge proper before the 25th of *April* next, or else they will be sued for the same. Also all Persons that have any Demands on the said Estate, are desired to bring in the same attested in order to be paid by *Morris Coleman.*

In the Commons House of Assembly, the 23d of Feb. 1737.

RESOLVED, That Advertisements shall be published in all the Parishes in this Province, to the Intent that all Persons who are possessed of any of the old Paper Bills of Credit of this Province, may bring in the same to the Commissioners to be finally exchanged by the 10th Day of this Instant, at which time it is resolved that the Accounts of the said Commissioners shall be closed and finished, and the said Commissioners be then discharged from any further Attendance

A true Copy,
ISAAC AMYAND C. D. C.

WHEREAS in a former Advertisement all Persons indebted to the Estates of the late Messrs *Jenys* & *Baker* in Comp. and of Mr. *Paul Jenys* particularly, were desired to pay the same to Mrs. *Elizabeth Jenys* Executrix of the said *Paul Jenys*, or give her such Security as she should approve of by the 25th *March* next.

And whereas it has been industriously reported that the said *Elizabeth Jenys* cannot give a plenary Discharge for such Debts.

Wherefore to prevent unwary People's bringing upon themselves unnecessary Expences and Trouble. This is to give Notice, that Mr. *Thomas Jenys* a Co-Executor with the said *Elizabeth Jenys*, is now arriv'd, and expects a due Regard will be paid to those Advertisements.

TO BE SOLD by *Benj. D'harriette* at his Store in *Union* street, good Jamaica Rum at 17 s. 6 d. and New-England ditto at 12 s. 6 d. per Gallon, brown Bread at 4 l. 10 s. per C. middling ditto 6 l. 10 s. good Flour, 5 l. Chocolate at 25 s per lb in taking 6 Pounds, Indian Corn at 25 s. *per* B. good bohea Tea at 35 s. *per* lb.

TO BE LETT the Tenement wherein Mr. *Dallis* now lives, adjoining Doct. *Kilpatrick* in *Church*-street, also a Tenement adjoining Mr. *John Breton* in Broad-street. Enquire of the said *Breton.*

RUN AWAY a Negro Wench, named *Rose*, formerly belonging to Mrs. *King*, and is well known in Town. Whoever brings her home shall have 3 l. reward, and reasonable Charges paid by *Wm Stone.*

Run away a Week since an *Angola* Negro, called *Hector*, about 20 Years of Age, speaks English, and had on an Oznabrig Shirt, and blue Negro Cloth Jacket, and is branded on his right Shoulder IO Whoever takes him up and brings him to me, shall receive 40 s reward paid by *Edw. Oram.*

ON Monday the 20th Instant was by a most dreadful Fire the Shop and Dwelling House, together with his Tools, Books and Papers, wearing Apparel, and Houshold Goods of John Purkis *on* Wappoo Bluff, *consumed and destroyed, If any well disposed Person of Carpenters, or Gentlemen that have Carpenters or Negro Labourers, please to assist him to repair his Loss, shall be satisfied by his Work, he performs all sorts of common Smith's work, with more Ability at Machinery or Engines than is usually done in any other Shop, and with Dispatch.* NB. *All Materials are ready on the Spot.*

RUN AWAY from Mr. *George Sommer's* the Beginning of *August* last, two tall *Gambia* Negro Men, named *Prince* and *Cheps*, talk but little English, which I suppose to be harbour'd at some Plantation. If any Person will inform me where the said Negroes are entertained, shall have 40 l. for each; and any Person bringing them to Mr. *Fley* in *Charlestown*, or my Plantation at *Beach Hill* on *Edisto* River, shall have 20 l for each.

MR. *John Robinson* of *Charlestown* Butcher, doth from the Date hereof forbid *Alexander Rettrit*, who was formerly his Servant, to be intrusted with Cattle or any Thing else in his Name, (he being gone from him) for if they do he will not pay them.

The said *John Robinson* hereby desires all those indebted to him, to discharge their several Debts by the latter End of *March* next, to prevent further Trouble.

TO BE LETT or SOLD a convenient Dwelling House, with Stable, Yard, Garden and Chaise-house, also two Lotts in *Dorchester.* by *Winifred Bamfield.*

Brought to Goal in Charlestown,

March 6. A Negro Fellow and Negro Wench, Names unknown, taken up at *Goose* Creek, by *Allen Rowland.*